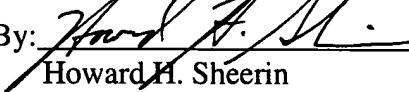


CONCLUSION

The above amendments to the claims merely cancel claim 4; the applicant respectfully requests the amendments be entered. The examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned over the telephone in order to resolve any outstanding issues.

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